

# ALL PROGRESSIVE CITIES MUST PLAN IN ADVANCE; WE MUST, TOO

AS A RESULT of a permanent water supply secured from the Owens river valley, the city of Los Angeles has not only secured itself against future needs, but has so much cheap water at present, that its citizens are able to irrigate several thousand acres of garden lands. Here is a fine hint for El Paso.

When Los Angeles finished its big undertaking in bringing in this water, it was found that the city had much more water than it could use for many years to come. In order not to waste this water and at the same time to get a revenue from it, the city voted to take into its corporate limits the town of San Fernando and all of the surrounding San Fernando valley, with its acres and acres of orange orchards, bean farms and truck gardens.

Today, it is no unusual sight to witness water bubbling from a six-inch main into the gardens and farms miles and miles outside of Los Angeles and to see a water meter turning as it measures out the supply. Also, it is not unusual, while driving through these orchards, to come upon a sign reading "City Limits of Los Angeles; speed 25 miles per hour."

The city found it possible to stretch its area and do a lot for its people simply because it could get water cheaply. It has made it possible to derive a revenue from the water it has secured through its foresight and at the same time to assure cheap fruits and vegetables for its people. While Los Angeles is not advertised as a region where irrigation is needed, it is none the less a fact that there are seasons when irrigation is necessary and this city supply of water is a Godsend to gardeners.

The parallel between Los Angeles and El Paso is very close. We need the water here. We must make plans for the future, for a city of a million souls, by building the high line canal and getting a permanent water supply. If we don't need it all now, we can use it by selling it off to gardeners. We can use it by selling it reasonably to people who want to beautify their yards—and all the while, we are building for the future.

The people of Los Angeles realized that until they assured themselves a permanent water supply for all time, they could not expect their city to grow as they wished. They issued bonds, ten times the cost per capita that it would cost El Pasoans if we bore all the expense of the high line canal, and they got the water. While the supply necessarily is larger than the present demand, it was necessary to create a large supply in order to take care of future needs. As the sections now occupied with farms and gardens and orchards are built up in homes, the water will be there to supply them. Meantime, Los Angeles is not losing any money, as it is selling its surplus at a good price.

It is the city with the long foresight that grows fastest and at least expense to its people. Planning ahead to meet the demands of the future pays.

Consequently, then, the municipal engineer, the man who plans for the future in the matter of water supplies, parks and other metropolitan necessities, is a man of real importance. The city that begins making these plans early, saves money in the end and never finds itself in tight places as it grows. All cities with far seeing officials and with progressive taxpayers, are taking steps today for the future. They are not waiting until the future becomes the present and the pressing demand makes a thing a necessity. They are planning in advance, so that when the need arises the work will have been done in advance.

Just as big business plans in advance for the problems it must meet, municipalities are planning for the problems of the future, otherwise these cities would never be satisfactory places of residence.

We had an example of failure to plan a few years ago when our water supply ran out and we had to pump from river wells. We began spending money and kept on spending it and now we are abreast of and ahead of our actual needs, but even with the water supply we now have, El Paso can never be a great city. The system is too costly in the first place; in the next, there is doubt if the supply will always be adequate.

Now is the time to plan for our future water supply, and, at the same time, make plans for other things that a

city needs, such as parks and swimming beaches and playgrounds. All of these must be developed before they may be used. It will require years of development work, so we must start now. All of these things will require water, cheap water, and the high line canal is the basis of all the rest, for it will furnish the cheap water.

With cheap water will surely come the recreation parks that we need.

People who now beautify their yards are penalized for their effort, because of the high cost of water. They should be encouraged, for they are an asset to the city. We can encourage them by getting cheap water. The high line canal will furnish it.

The high line canal is the one big thing El Paso should set itself to secure.

## Hunt To Run Again.

A POLITICAL furor has been started in Arizona by an announcement that former Gov. G. W. F. Hunt might again be a candidate for election as governor. The announcement was not made by Mr. Hunt, but appeared in a somewhat guarded form in a weekly publication which has heretofore been considered Hunt's mouthpiece. The elements in opposition to Mr. Hunt and his radical Democratic wing at once jumped to the conclusion that the announcement could be accepted as definite and authorized, and already there is evidence of the sharpening of political hatchets.

It has been understood that when Mr. Hunt was defeated by Republican and Democratic votes for the Republican candidate, Thomas E. Campbell, he considered himself finally out of the gubernatorial arena and intended to bend his efforts toward landing the governorship now held by Mark Smith. While Mr. Hunt might lend no great lustre to the senate of the United States, at least he could do no great harm there, whereas, as governor, he would be in a position to stir up the same dissatisfaction and unrest that existed in Arizona during his previous terms of office.

Arizona has pursued a quiet, dignified and highly prosperous course under the governorship of Mr. Campbell. The state has lost its taint of half-way bohemia. The atmosphere about the capital is entirely different.

The people realize that fact and are properly appreciative. If Mr. Hunt runs again for governor, he will get what he got in the last campaign. But there is doubt whether he really will be a candidate. Mr. Hunt is not lacking a certain political shrewdness and he ought to know better than to campaign again to be governor. More than likely this announcement is a mere effort of over-enthusiastic friends to stampede him into entering the governorship fight.

A report from St. Louis that 50,000 yards of pipe have been sold to North Carolina buyers, possibly for moonshine stills, may herald the development of a vigorous industry, but more likely it's a pipe dream.

An investigation of the cost of living will be entertaining and instructive. It will demonstrate how many and how varied alibis can be manufactured and all of them plausible.

Might does not make right, but a gun is handy in time of need and a nation gets more respectful treatment for having a strong army and navy.

The effects of any fuel famine will not become felt here for several weeks, anyway.

Higher wages and higher prices are two pups chasing each other around the room.

Life is not so short but that there is always time enough for courtesy.

## Little Interviews

### Loading Of Cars Under Capacity Threatens Car Shortage Urges Road Into City To Avoid Steep Smelter Viaduct Grade

"ALARMED at the shrinkage of the average carload, with the consequent waste of transportation facilities, officials of the United States Railroad administration have launched a campaign to offset the danger of a car shortage in the west," said W. C. McChesney, general agent of the S. P. in El Paso.

"Shippers are relaxing their efforts to preserve the advantages of the full carload, believing apparently that we have a surplus of cars, and that the restoration of peace makes heavy carloading unnecessary. This is an erroneous and dangerous impression.

"The demands of peace will equal, if not exceed, the necessities of war. Much material, stored during the past year or two, is now being absorbed by markets as fast as it can be moved. We are moving 500,000 tons of barley out of the state. The fruit crop is one of the heaviest in history. We are confronted with the prospect of an exceptionally heavy movement of all commodities in the fall. If the wine grapes are to be moved west, that will mean approximately 25,000 cars additional.

"New equipment has not been available during the war. If shippers are to realize the full use of the cars that we have, they must continue to load ten per cent in excess of the marked capacity of cars wherever possible. Our figures show that in June over 2000 cars were wasted due to the fact that there was a falling off in loading of over two tons per car on our lines. This means that shippers were depriving themselves of the use of those 2000 cars.

"We earnestly appeal to all shippers to resume at once the full carload which will enable us to move the war crops. For our part, we will exceed those of the past few years, and the world will need them just as badly."

"When roads were first arranged," said Dr. John P. Edgar, "they were along ridges to avoid mud and were called HIGHWAYS. The roads surveyed and built now are the shortest, most direct way, and should be spoken of as ROADWAYS."

"The women of Latin America must come out of their shut up homes and take part in the world's work," said Miss Edna Harper. "El Paso girls are to leave shortly for missionary work in Brazil. The salvation of Latin-American countries lies in women, and the men of those coun-

tries don't know her. The women know little of what other women have done. Even the most ardent writers don't truly understand her. I don't believe in masculine superiority. I believe in the equality of the sexes. I believe that marriage should be a partnership, not materialistic, but based on love and understanding. Men in Latin America still have the belief, now nearly outgrown here, that women will be corrupted if they enter the world of work. I think it coarsens a woman to work outside the home."

"I am strongly in favor of the enforcement of our traffic laws," said magistrate J. M. Weaver. "I believe that our officers are seldom mistaken when they make an arrest for violation of the speeding laws regardless of the fact that the speeders generally enter pleas of not guilty. It has been my observation that speeders usually plead guilty when a fine is assessed, yet sufficient evidence is always produced to prove that the traffic laws of the land were strictly disregarded. I am often almost overcome with a desire to accompany some of our traffic officers and witness some of the daredevil stunts that our professional speeders stage, so that I can be fully prepared to order judgment when the defendant enters his usual plea of not guilty and claims that the traffic officer is wholly mistaken as to the speed at which defendant was traveling."

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## Rippling Rhymes

By WALT MASON

### Timely Themes

THE day is hot as melted lead; I place some ice upon my head, and seek the shade outdoors; and there I read some cooling book—the voyages of Dr. Cook along the arctic shores. The doc is held to be a fake, but in his writings he can make a man forget the heat; with him I walk where blizzards roll, discovering a pipe dream pole among the framed up eels. My reading takes me farther back; I follow Sir John Franklin's track, to where it has an end; he vanished in the storm and rack, and never sent a message back to any mortal friend. Somewhere the polar night wind means above Sir John's heroic bones, all buried deep in snow, the bones of others by their side, but how the heroes wrought and died we nevermore shall know. I read of Greeley's hunger camp, and feel a tear in either lamp, for that's a frightful tale; and as I read I seem to hear the ice floes crashing far and near, and feel the bitter gale. A neighbor comes along and cries, "I hear his words now, and the better gale is getting worse and worse; this heat, if longer it persist, will get my goat, I vot and vist, and put me in a heave!" I hear his words in mild surprise; I've been abroad 'neath arctic skies, among the endless mists and mist; I feel just as if my ears and nose were frozen stiff, and I had chubbined teen.

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## Little Chris

A SOLDIER in a hospital

Little Chris a box of candy and a message of greeting.

"See, I don't think it's so bad to be in a hospital," said Little Chris.

"If they have candy in a hospital."

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## Time To Get Aboard - - By Hal Coffman



These are the times that dry men's souls.—New York Evening Sun.

Very few men of military age are opposed to the League plan.—Greenwich (S. C.) Evening Star.

All the gush in this Texas oil business isn't in the gushers.—Little Rock, Arkansas Gazette.

Probably no one could have read the Chinese signatures anyway.—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

The former crown prince is more likely to end in a coop than with a coup.—New York Evening Sun.

14 Years Ago Today

REPORTS from New Orleans concerning the yellow fever situation show that the federal government is now in charge of the situation. New Orleans raised the necessary money and turned it over to the maritime hospital service, after the local authorities had failed to control the fight against the disease.

From Yokohama comes the report that the Chinese have agreed not to deal in American goods, not to ship goods on American steamers, especially the Pacific Mail company's steamships, and to punish all Chinese dealing in American goods through others; also not to deal with American banks and insurance companies.

E. B. Welch has returned from New York and Michigan.

The new uniform of both company B and the new company K, the local military organizations, arrived this morning and both companies will now go to camp in the new equipment.

Ed Fraser and Walter, Miss Esther, returned home last evening, after an absence of a month in the east.

Cashier John M. Wyatt, of the American National bank, is in Rome, Ga., where he will spend a month.

Ed Levy leaves for St. Louis tonight. G. S. Ward and C. R. Morrill, of G. H. Went to Finlay in a motor car this afternoon.

G. W. Davis leaves for California today.

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## ..Patter And Chatter..

By S. E. KISER



GOD SAVE THE KINGS.

THERE are smirking princes and

timid kings.

And foolish people still give them

praises.

But how do they help with the useful

things.

And what do they know of the

worker's way?

If to-morrow the last of the kings

should die.

And the last of the princes were

lost.

Would the sun come tumbling out of

the sky?

Or would life be duller for you or

me?

GREATER than all the princes and

all

The kings who pass where the people

crowd.

Are the men who work where the red

sparks fall.

And the men who toll where the

clanging is loud.

The diggers, the hewers, bare-armed

and strong.

And the men who are holding the

bolts.

Where the riveter rattles his bludgeon

song.

And substance grows from the

builder's dream.

THERE is much ado when a prince

appears.

Where the crowds may see when he

lifts his hand.

But it's little praise that the worker

hears.

While his task is done or his work

is done.

The man who does the important

thing

Must come or go, and we give no

praise.

But our heads are bowed for the use

of kings.

And we dream the prince when we

do not need.

SHE MUST NOT ESCAPE.

Perhaps we ought not to call attention to the matter, but is the woman

who draws \$15 a week alimony paying a luxury tax on it?

NOT ALTOGETHER MANNISH YET.

Even the girl who wears a Sam Brown belt would shrink and jump upon

a chair if a mouse approached her.

ANOTHER TROUBLESOME PROBLEM SOLVED.

Restrictions on passports to Europe are being removed. This is encourag-

ing. People who cannot find sources of employment get out of their own

country and their families by riding to and fro between this country and

Europe.

HER ADVANTAGE.

If a woman wishes to take the conceit out of a man she can always do so

quickly by laughing at his legs.

"Entangling Alliance" With France

"Cussed And Discussed" By The Press

It may be a "wise idea" to join Great

Britain in formally guaranteeing

France against German aggression,

says a United States senator—but he

appropriately from Missouri—but he

speaks for many of his fellow coun-

trymen when he adds that "it is get-

ting on tangled with a vengeance in

European affairs."

"Americans Do Not Love European

Alliances," is the way the Philadelphia

Public Ledger heads its editorial wel-

come for the published terms of what

they call the "guarantee pact" in

Paris. Since this alliance will not be-

come a "guarantee pact" in the sense

of the approval of the United States

senate, Washington correspondents have

been trying to canvass the body to

discover what the prospect of ratifica-

tion are. A considerable number of